

On **Monday, April 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Brooklyn Borough Hall Courtroom, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York** , the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing on the environmental and health effects of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center, and federal, state, and local coordination in measuring and addressing environmental concerns.

This hearing examined the scientific evidence of environmental contamination in Brooklyn and other boroughs, the potential health effects on area residents, steps taken by federal, state, and local governments, gaps in agency coordination and potential next steps to ensure the health of New York residents and others.

The hearing continued the Oversight Committee's review of the federal response to the 9/11 attacks and implementation of federally funded programs that medically monitor and treat individuals who were exposed to toxins following the attacks.

The Chair asked unanimous consent for Members from the New York City delegation to participate in the hearing.

The following offered testimony:

Panel I

**Hon. Yvonne Graham**, Deputy  
Brooklyn Borough President

Panel II

**Kwai-Cheung Chan**, former  
Assistant Inspector General for  
Program Evaluation,  
Environmental Protection  
Agency

**David Newman**, Industrial  
Hygienist, New York  
Committee for Occupational  
Safety and Health

**Patrick Roohan**, Director,  
Bureau of Program Quality,  
Information and Evaluation  
New York State  
Department of Health

**Dr. Anthony Szema,**  
Assistant Professor of  
Medicine, SUNY-Stony  
Brook School of  
Medicine

**Suzanne Mattei,**  
Executive Director,

# Sierra Club of New York City

**Peter Gudaitis,**  
Executive Director,  
New York Disaster  
Interfaith Services

# Documents and Links

- [Graham Testimony](#)
- [Chan Testimony](#)
- [Newman](#)

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- Szema

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- Mattei Testimony

- Guddatis

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- Statement of

# Congressman Towns

- Official Hearing  
Transcript and Record  
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